

APPROVES HIDING OF CANAL LOCKS

Those on Pacific Side Will
Be Placed Behind
Hill.

President Roosevelt has approved the recommendation of Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama Canal, concerning the location of the locks at the Pacific end of the canal, and they will be placed at Miraflores, or behind Sosa Hill, four miles inland, instead of at La Boca, on the Bay of Panama, as was at first intended. This change will put the locks in a much better strategic position and will save \$3,000,000 in the total cost of construction. The change is by no means a radical one, but was decided upon after careful consideration of four different projects. It has been shown through the sinking of trial pits that a much better foundation can be obtained there, as bed rock can be readily reached, while at La Boca, where the mud is much deeper, it would require much more cement, labor and material to make the construction good. From a military standpoint the placing of the locks behind Sosa Hill is a necessity, for if they were placed on the bay at La Boca they would offer a fine target for a hostile fleet, and a few minutes' firing would put the canal out of commission. It will also permit of easy access to the lake at Miraflores, which would make a fine sheltered rendezvous for the fleet in time of war. The new plans are identical with those of the old French company.

CAPT. GEORGE B. RANSOM COMMISSIONED TO RANK

Capt. George B. Ransom, on duty in the Bureau of Signal Engineering, Navy Department, yesterday was commissioned a captain, he having been automatically promoted November 2. His commission dates from that time. Captain Ransom entered the naval service from New York October 1, 1871. He has served in the Engineer Corps and for efficiency was advanced an additional number in the grade of commander. Commanders W. E. Fletcher and J. F. Luby were commissioned commanders, the latter dating from July 1, and the former from November 15.

SEEK BOGUS CLERGYMAN WHO PASSES BAD CHECKS

No arrest has been made by the detectives at the Central office in the alleged case of forgery reported by Victor E. Adler, a clothier at 327 Seventh street northwest. A clerical-looking man giving the name of the Rev. E. C. Harrell, presented a check for \$35 signed by W. W. Vicar, of Norfolk, Va., conference treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in payment of \$35 worth of goods. He received the change and has not been seen since. Other check operation cases are said by the police to be traceable to "Harrell."

NEW "BLUE LODGE" AROUSSES MASONS

Members Watching Case of
Man Held For Collect-
ing Money.

Members of Masonic orders in the District of Columbia are keenly interested in the latest developments of the case of "Dr." Alexander P. Riedel, who was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and held in \$1,000 bond for a hearing before the grand jury. Riedel is alleged to have collected money from certain persons as fees of initiation into a new Masonic lodge which he was said to be forming in Washington. According to report, Riedel began operations in Washington about a month ago, when he is said to have represented himself to be a Mason delegated with powers and privileges to form another "blue lodge" in the District of Columbia. It is said he collected sums of \$5 and \$10 from various men anxious for like operations and was released on bond. When his case was called it was found that he had gone to Philadelphia. He was never tried a second time on that charge. It is said witnesses will be brought to Washington from Philadelphia to testify when it comes to trial.

Took B. Mieczkowski For an Alias and Now Fraud Order Issues

B. Mieczkowski, the unpronounceable alias assumed by one John Oles, a countryman, who has been operating a peculiar business in Schenectady, N. Y., has been placed in the fraud category by the Postoffice Department, which has drawn a fraud order against the consensual cognomen. Advertisements were inserted in various papers for agents, throwing out a gentle hint that profits ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000 could be earned by most any energetic, discreet person by following the directions on the wrapper. The aforementioned party of the first part, however, stipulated that a remittance of the small amount of \$1 would have to be made before the melon would be cut. After receiving the dollar remittance and carefully putting it down in the bottommost recesses of his trousers pocket, Mieczkowski would send a receipt for a common horse liniment with instructions to "push it for all it is worth."

John Kasson Seriously Ill; In Public Life Many Years

John A. Kasson is seriously sick at his home on I street in Washington, and fears are entertained that he will not recover. Mr. Kasson is eighty-four years old, and his health has been feeble for several years. Last June he fell when getting off a street car and had an arm broken. Lately he has been suffering from a severe attack of grip, a malady that has become almost epidemic in Washington, and from bronchial trouble.

His Career.
Mr. Kasson's illness has called attention anew to his remarkable career. A man of high intellectual ability, he is probably the greatest living authority on the tariff and especially on reciprocity matters. He was appointed by President McKinley in 1897 as special commissioner plenipotentiary to negotiate reciprocity treaties and succeeded in effecting successful negotiations with France and other countries. The Senate, however, saw fit to turn down these treaties, and when this happened Mr. Kasson resigned his place, taking the position that it was unfair for him to be drawing salary from the Government for doing something that the Senate would not give the countenance of law. He held he could not in self-respect draw pay for doing a work that manifestly would come to nothing. While Mr. Kasson has been known in recent years chiefly because of his connection with the tariff and with reciprocity matters, his career goes far back into the history of the stormy days preceding the civil war. As a young man of Massachusetts, he was a delegate from that State to the national convention of the Free Soil party in 1848. That convention nominated Martin Van Buren for President. Later, Mr. Kasson moved to Iowa, continuing to take a keen interest in the political questions of the days before the war and being an ardent anti-slavery man. He took a large part in the Republican national convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for the first time. He is one of the few men living who attended that convention as a delegate. He was close to Lincoln in the convention, delivered the vote of Iowa to Lincoln, and was one of those who formulated the plank on the slavery question. When Lincoln became President he appointed Mr. Kasson First Assistant Postmaster General, undoubtedly with remembrance of what Kasson had done for him in the 1850 convention.

WILL ARREST BAD BOYS SOUNDING FALSE ALARMS

Following the general festivities of the small boys around Christmas time, the threaten and police of the various precincts have been the butt of practical jokes for the last week. Recently a number of fire alarms have been turned in from outlying points and an amount of unnecessary work has been thrust upon both the police and firemen. Today an alarm of fire was turned in at Seventeenth and S streets, and about 8:30 yesterday another was turned in from box 332. Several companies of the Fire Department responded, as well as the police reserves, only to meet with the fact that it was a false alarm. Major Sylvester has a standing reward posted in the station house for the arrest of the violators, but this has not produced the result looked for.

DIAS VAITS AIRSHIPS FOR MEXICAN ARMY

Government Gives Contract
To American After De-
monstration.

The Mexican government wants some airships for its army, and has negotiated for the manufacture of one or more by Charles Strobel, of Toledo, Ohio, maker and owner of the aeronautic raft which navigated the Washington skies last summer and was known everywhere as The Times airship. Strobel is the owner of the designs and patents of the airships of this type. Recently he and Lincoln Beachey, who navigated The Times airship while it was here and made many remarkable trips to and from the Munsey building, went to Mexico and gave a series of exhibitions in the City of Mexico. They not only had a remarkable reception at the hands of the people, but attracted the animated attention of the government. As a result President Diaz invited them to give a private demonstration of the workings of their craft for the benefit of himself and his cabinet. This was made with much care and detail, and satisfied the Mexican officials that the Strobel ship would be of great utility to the Mexican government for army purposes. The war department of Mexico has accordingly let a contract for the construction of a big balloon exactly like the one so much seen in Washington last summer, but larger, and capable of carrying two people and with much greater radius of action. At present Strobel and Beachey are in Cuba.

GREETINGS TO WORLD PLAN OF PRESIDENT

Uncle Sam will attempt to send a New Year greeting around the world the moment the New Year breaks at Washington Tuesday night. He hopes to reach every army camp and every vessel in the navy that is equipped with a wireless apparatus. Five minutes before midnight here the telegraph wires to the Naval Observatory will be connected with the wires of the commercial telegraph companies. As at every noon, the seconds will be ticked off until the last ten seconds before midnight. The next tick will mean midnight, and immediately an operator at the Observatory will send America's greeting to the world. This message will be designed particularly for Uncle Sam's fighting men, in whatever clime they may be.

Guide's Exquisite Flowers
and floral decorations meet unqualified approval on every occasion, 1214 F.

Brownson's Duty To Wish President Happy New Year

Unless Rear Admiral Brownson leaves the boundaries of the District of Columbia before the dawn of the New Year, he will be under obligations to go over to the White House, take his stand in the line of navy officers, shake the President's hand, and wish the President a bright and happy New Year.

Orders were issued to Admiral Brownson and all other officers of the navy, acting and retired, in the District of Columbia, to put on their special full dress uniforms and attend the President's annual New Year reception. The orders were signed by Secretary McCall, and issued to all the officers in the city December 23, when Admiral Brownson was still chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and the President's friend. Admiral Brownson stated today that he will be in the city until about January 10. The admiral can not be compelled to attend, for he is not subject to court-martial if he does not. But for him to absent himself will mean a serious breach of official etiquette, and the smashing of a long-standing precedent. There is much speculation as to what course Admiral Brownson will pursue.

G. A. R. Men Will March To White House New Year

Members of the Department of the Potomac G. A. R. will march to the White House in a body on New Year Day to shake hands with President Roosevelt and exchange greetings. The men who preserved the Union are strong favorites of the President, and Department Commander Newton Perce, in a general order just issued, urged all of them to fail in line for the reception at the White House. The G. A. R. men will wear their blue uniforms, white gloves, dark alpine hats and the cross of the society. They will assemble at their hall, 1415 Pennsylvania avenue, and march from there to the White House.

TAFT'S SECRETARY ARRIVES; WAS DETAINED IN EUROPE

Frederick Warner Carpenter, private secretary to Secretary Taft, who was with the latter on the trip around the world, but was detained in Europe on business, arrived in Washington last night. He sailed from London Monday, and reached New York yesterday afternoon on the French liner La Provence. Baltimore and Return, \$2.25, Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City Offices, 1417 G st. and 515 Penna. ave.

MRS. SNIFFEN DEAD; LONG AN INVALID

Was Wife of Paymaster
General of United States
Army.

Mrs. Rebecca Sarah Sniffen, wife of Gen. Oliver C. Sniffen, Paymaster General, U. S. A., died suddenly in her apartment in the Cairo at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Sniffen, who had been an invalid, died with her husband by her side, he having expected the end for some hours. Funeral services will be held at the Cairo Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Charles C. Pierce, chaplain at the Washington Barracks, will officiate at the ceremony. Interment will be made in Arlington Cemetery. Mrs. Sniffen was a handsome West Indies society belle at the time she met General Sniffen. She was born in Santa Cruz sixty-seven years ago and recently celebrated the thirty-second anniversary of their wedding. General Sniffen and Mrs. Rebecca Sniffen were married in 1875, while he was secretary to President Ulysses S. Grant. For a number of years Mrs. Sniffen had been an invalid and was unable to leave her apartment for months. Recently her condition became alarming and it was not often that General Sniffen was away from her bedside. Her death yesterday, while a great shock to her many friends, was not unexpected by those who knew her desperate state of health during the last several weeks.

MT. VERNON TENT, K. O. T. M. DISCUSSES PHILIPPINES

One of the most successful debates of the winter's series was held Thursday night in the lodge room of Mt. Vernon Tent No. 4, K. O. T. M. The question debated was, "Shall the Philippines Be Retained?" The judges, Sir Knights Beers, of "Brightwood Tent," Tubman and Sturges, decided that the negative side won the debate, and victorious Knights Cunningham and Litz were given an ovation. The good of the order was then discussed with much interest by the members. January 2 was decided on as the date of the installation of officers recently elected.

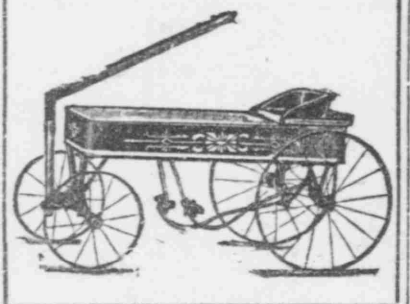
NEW STEEL FOR CANNONS SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE

Col. Rogers Burnie and Maj. Clarence C. Williams, ordnance department, members of the joint army and navy steel board, were ordered to this city today to attend the first meeting of the board, at which will be considered the development of a more effective and serviceable steel in the manufacture of cannons. The board consists of two members of the navy and two from the army.

January Brides Will Find Easy Satisfaction in buying flowers of Shaffer, 1414 G & I.

To close out
20 pedal wagons
We offer them tomorrow at
\$2.98

These are the high-class Pioneer make pedal wagons, very strong and nicely finished. They have wood bottom with sheetiron sides. Seat folds, and when let down makes a solid bottom wagon, giving double usefulness for play. These have sold always at \$3.49—Fifth floor.



Black Dress goods
Every one a special price

Small lots that must be cleared out to make room for full and complete lines, and this is why we have cut the prices, as the materials are all desirable kinds, such as are wanted for wear now.

\$3.00 French Broadcloth, a yard...\$2.50
\$2.50 French Broadcloth, a yard...\$2.25
\$2.25 French Broadcloth, already shrunk for the needle, a yd...\$1.75
89c Serge, a yard...65c
59c Cheviot, a yard...50c
50c Mohair, a yard...39c
59c Mohair, a yard...50c
\$4.00 Astrakhan, black, a yard...\$3.00
\$2.50 Astrakhan, black, a yard...\$2.00
\$2.50 Astrakhan, gray, a yard...\$2.00

Dress Goods—First Floor.

Some very big snaps in
Lace curtains

For those who want but one, two or three pairs of a kind a small lot of Irish Point and Novelty Net Curtains, all full width and 2 yards long, offers a very unusual chance. These are in many different patterns, worth up to \$5.00 a pair, and will be sold tomorrow for only, pair.

Also a small lot of Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, in a large number of pleasing patterns, including Irish Point and Brussels net effects, worth up to \$3.25 pair, \$1.98 at choice, pair—

2nd floor.

Small rugs
for bare spots

We have just received about 200 fringed-end rugs made from odd lengths of velvet and Axminster carpet strips, on which we can save buyers 50c, or more.

They are 4 and 5 yard widths and 14 and 15 yard lengths. Same grades have always sold at \$1.49. While the lot lasts our price is.....**98c**

Third Floor—Rug Section.

Manufacturer's undermuslin samples

Drawers, gowns, chemise, corset covers, long skirts

Worth \$1.25 to \$2.00

On first floor Bargain Tables.
These garments are made of excellent grades of muslin, and trimmed with fine embroidery, tucks, dainty laces, and ribbons. No two pieces alike.

18c to 25c Persian lawn at 12 1/2c---29c corded plaid lawn at 15c

and 8 other lots at about the same savings

Now's the time to lay in a supply of white goods for your summer undergarments, waists, and dresses. 40,000 yards in the sale. Every piece bears the mill stamp of perfect goods, yet they were sold to us as "intermediate." They are not seconds within the usual meaning of the term. We've examined them critically and sell them as they are. What they are we are unable to determine, but we're fair: enough to say so, and to sell them to you for just what we buy them. You'll find in each line of goods mentioned

POSITIVELY THE BEST VALUE OFFERED IN SEVERAL YEARS.

65 PIECES ONLY of 40-inch wide Persian Lawn in the grade that sells regularly at 18c, 20c, and 25c a yard, to go, while the lot lasts, at, yard.....**12 1/2c**
185 PIECES ONLY of 33-inch wide extra fine sheer corded plaid lawn, in seven styles; worth 25c a yard; to go, while the lot lasts, at, yard.....**15c**
255 PIECES ONLY of 30-inch wide superior grade white India Linon; regular 19c a yard; to go, while the lot lasts, at, yard.....**11c**
90 PIECES ONLY of 47-inch wide fine sheer French Lawn; real value 25c a yard; to go, while the lot lasts, at, yard.....**14c**
60 PIECES ONLY of 47-inch wide fine sheer Persian Lawn, in the regular 19c a yard quality; to go, while the lot lasts, at, yard.....**12 1/2c**
92 PIECES ONLY of 47-inch wide extra fine sheer Persian Lawn in the usual 23c a yard quality; to go, while the lot lasts, at, yard.....**15c**
24 PIECES ONLY of fine sheer checked Dimities, in the regular 19c a yard quality; to go, while the lot lasts, at, only, yard.....**12 1/2c**
47 PIECES ONLY of fine sheer India Linon, in two grades, that sell regularly at 12 1/2c and 15c a yard; to go, while lot lasts, at, yard.....**8 1/2c**
45 PIECES ONLY of the usual 7 1/2c yard quality of high-class imported white Shirting Madras in a good variety of patterns, at, only, yard.....**18c**
100 PIECES ONLY of fine quality highly mercerized batiste, 28 inches wide, and worth 20c a yard; to go, at, yard.....**12 1/2c**

Bleached sheets
100 DOZEN 81x90 size, full 2 1/4 yards wide, have double-felled seam in center. A regular 69c value. Special, each.....**49c**
61x90 SIZE, made from New York Mills sheeting, slightly imperfect, but in no way does this affect its wearing qualities. Worth fully \$1.10 each. Special tomorrow

Domestic Department—First Floor.

18c to 35c pillow cases, 15c 65c feather pillows, 49c

250 DOZEN of the Bleached Pillow Cases, made from ends of high-grade sheeting, such as Anchor, Wamsutta, Pequot, Peppercorn, etc. Not one in the lot ever sold for less than 18c, and from that upward to 35c each. It is a snap to get them Monday for each, 35c.

THE FEATHER PILLOWS are odorless, 19x25 inches, and the best steam-cured sanitary feathers, covered with A. C. A. blue tickings. Monday, at this special price, each, 49c.

Blankets
11-4 COTTON BLANKETS, choice of white and gray, full double size, worth \$1.25 each, special Monday.....**95c**
11-4 ALL WOOL double blankets, 2-inch plaid patterns, these are the most economical and best wearing blankets made for children's beds. Choice of 4 different colored plaids. Regular, \$5.50 value, everywhere, our price, a pair.....**\$3.98**

Bedwear Section—First Floor.

12 1/2c undermuslin
cambric, a yd., 8 1/2c

After the Holidays is the time to begin getting ready the summer's supply of underwear, and now is the time to buy the material at savings. This is a soft finished bleached cambric, and an unusual value, that we sell regularly at 12 1/2c a yard. Special Monday—8 1/2c. Domestic Dept.—First floor.

These goods have sold heretofore only at 25c, 29c, 35c, and 39c yard

The offering embraces without reservation every pattern and grade in Domestic and imported high class wash plaids. A great number of styles to choose from, and many of them are late purchases, which are almost identical with the styles mills are now making for spring trade—1st floor.

Open daily 8:30 a. m. Close daily except Saturdays at 5:30 p. m.

S. KATZSON & CO.
8th St. & PA. AVE.
"THE BUSY CORNER"



Gowns are in round, high, low, and V-neck styles. Skirts have deep Umbrella ruffles and lace trimming. Drawers have Umbrella ruffles, embroidery inserting, and lace trimming.

Choice, 87c

Look Over the 10 Items Below For Proof And Reasons Why

Only 2 or 3 of a style
Separate skirts
Reduced to **\$7.95**
Prices were \$10 to \$12.50

Odd sizes, but from the lot you'll be able to choose one that suits your taste, and at the extremely advantageous price quoted.

75 Skirts in the lot. Some are of fine Chiffon Panama. Some are of nice serges. And a few of Genuine Altman Vell.

If you've need of a Skirt now or within a few weeks this lot will make it to your advantage to make your selection tomorrow. It's a fleeting opportunity.

2d floor—Suit, Coat and Skirt Section.

Choice of all imported and domestic Woven dress plaids
in Victoria and Scotch plaid combinations
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